

Lexington Recycling Guidelines

“Recycle Every Week in Lexington”

why recycle?

Recycling saves money, creates jobs and reduces climate change. For every ton we recycle, we save 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil, 7000 gallons of water and over 3000 pounds of air pollutants. In FY16 trash generation remained flat at about 8300 tons. Recycle tons increased by nearly 2% to 4,400 tons. Revenues generated at the Lexington Compost Facility from the sale of compost products and contractor yard waste permits totaled 660,000 in FY16.

important recycling instructions

- ◆ Recycling is **MANDATORY** in Lexington.
- ◆ **PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING.** Too many residents are putting out their recyclables in plastic bags. JRM will be leaving non-compliance stickers behind if recyclables are not put out properly.
- ◆ Place recyclables at curb at least 8' away from trash.
- ◆ Place recycle bins out by 7 A.M. on your collection day and remove empty bins within 12 hours of collection.
- ◆ New and replacement recycling bins are available at the Lexington Public Services Facility, 201 Bedford Street. Each household is entitled to 2 recycle bins at no charge. Additional bins cost \$6 each. To recycle broken recycle bins return them to 201 Bedford Street.
- ◆ Compost bins (\$30) can be purchased at 201 Bedford Street, Monday – Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. and picked-up at the Lexington Compost facility at Hartwell Ave., Monday – Friday, 7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Don't Throw it Away! If you want to find a new home for something, whether it's a toy, chair, piano or just about anything else simply send an e-mail offering it to members of the Freecycle group in your area. Go to www.freecycle.org for details. or www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/donate.cfm

Lexington Compost Facility

Drop-off leaves, grass, yard waste including brush/branches **ONLY** 1" – 4" in diameter. Drop-off: Lexington Compost Facility, 60 Hartwell Ave. opens the 3rd Monday in March and closes the 3rd Friday in Dec. weather permitting, weekdays M-F 7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. and Sundays 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Expanded hours for several weeks in the fall and spring. Starting Monday Sept. 19, 2016 - Saturday Nov. 26, 2016 weekdays 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Spring expanded hours starting Monday April 3, 2017 - Saturday June 17, 2017 weekdays 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

For additional drop-off recycling services at Hartwell Ave. (see other side of flyer)

paper & cardboard:

Lexington operates a two-sort program: paper must be separated from commingled containers. Mixed paper in a paper bag can be placed on top of recycle bin with commingled containers. Keep paper free of food and plastic wrapping and **NO PLASTIC BAGS**.



glass, metal & plastic containers:

Place rinsed containers loose in your bin, no plastic or paper bags. OK to include plastic & metal caps & lids.



leaf & yard waste:

Curbside or drop-off

Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.



what to recycle:

- ◆ Newspapers/inserts
 - ◆ Magazines, phone books and catalogs
 - ◆ Junk mail/office paper
 - ◆ **CLEAN** pizza boxes (folded inside out)
 - ◆ Paperboard(cereal and shoe boxes etc.) and paperback books
 - ◆ Corrugated cardboard
- Curbside collection: cardboard must be flattened and cut to 36" x 36" or less, and for multiple pieces it must be tied/bundled together, or placed under or between recycle bins. Cardboard placed in trash barrel/bags will be stickered and all contents left at the curb. Drop-off option: bring flattened oversized cardboard to container at Lexington Compost facility mid March - mid December. See yard waste drop-off for hours.

no need to remove...

...staples, paper clips, metal spirals, or plastic windows on envelopes.

recycle more containers:

- ◆ Residents can use any 32 gallon barrel for recycling glass, metal & plastic containers. Face the sticker (available at 201 Bedford St., 1st floor DPW office) to the street when using a barrel. (No more than 35 lbs. per barrel)
- ◆ Clear, green and brown glass food and beverage containers only
- ◆ Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans
- ◆ Metal food cans, lids and caps
- ◆ Aluminum pie plates and trays
- ◆ Aseptic containers such as: milk and juice cartons, and juice/drink boxes
- ◆ All ♻️ thru ♻️ plastic containers **ONLY** (look for symbol on bottom of containers)
- ◆ Stiff plastic Styrofoam food trays

what is yard waste?

- ◆ Leaves, grass clippings, flower & garden plants, wood chips, pine needles, organic vegetation, brush 1 inch in diameter or less

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING Special curbside recycling collection weeks of January 3 – 7 and January 9 – 13, 2017 on regular collection day. Trees are picked up in a separate truck. Resident must remove all foreign objects (plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc.) Place tree curbside separate from trash & recyclables. An alternative is to drop off tree at the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Avenue weekdays only from 12/27/16 – 1/31/17 **ALL FOREIGN OBJECTS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TREE.** Please note: Christmas trees are no longer accepted at the Samuel Hadley Public Services Building on 201 Bedford St.

how to prepare paper:

- ◆ Place mixed paper in brown paper bags on top of recycle bin with containers or place all mixed paper together in recycle bin separate from recycle bin with commingled containers.
- ◆ Paperboard (e.g. cereal & cracker boxes) flattened, foil & plastic liners removed
- ◆ For info on how and where to donate books go to www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/donate.cfm
- ◆ Shredded paper must be put in a paper bag and stapled closed and placed in or on top of bin
- ◆ Do not recycle soiled pizza boxes, put in trash

cardboard drop-off sites:

Residents with lots of cardboard or oversized boxes can bring it to the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Ave. (for hours see Lexington Compost Facility on previous page), or directly behind the Hammond A. Hosmer House in Town Hall parking lot or at the Grace Chapel parking lot off of Worthen Road. Look for “cardboard only” green slotted JRM containers. Boxes must be flattened. No soiled or waxed cardboard.

how to prepare containers:

- ◆ RINSE CLEAN ALL CONTAINERS
- ◆ Collars, neck rings & labels ok
- ◆ Crush plastic & aseptic containers
- ◆ RINSE CLEAN and include with other containers
- ◆ Remove straws from juice/drink boxes

do not include:

- ◆ **NO plastic bags**-recycle at area grocery stores
- ◆ Plastic motor oil or chemical containers
- ◆ All stiff Styrofoam packaging should be put in trash



how to prepare yard waste:

- ◆ Place yard waste in paper biodegradable bags or open barrels without lids & place at curbside separate from trash & recycling
- ◆ ORANGE yard waste stickers for barrels available at the DPW, 201 Bedford Street, Monday thru Friday 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

do not include:

- ◆ NO PLASTIC BAGS
- ◆ No stumps or logs
- ◆ No rocks, stones, dirt or sand
- ◆ No construction waste
- ◆ No brush larger than 1" in diameter

LEXINGTON COLLECTION CALENDAR 2016-2017

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○ Observed Holidays (No collection) one day delay rest of the week

■ Curbside Yard Waste Collections

🌲 Christmas tree collection January 3 – 7, 2017 and January 9 -13, 2017

⚠️ Medical Waste Collections Wed, October 5, 2016: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm and Sat, October 15, 2016, Sat. March 25, 2017: 9:00 am - Noon and Wed. June 7, 2017, 5pm – 7pm.

☐ HHP (Hazardous Household Products) Events

DROP-OFF OF ROCKS, CONCRETE & ASPHALT

Residents can now drop-off limited amounts (no more than 3 five gallon buckets at a time) of miscellaneous small rocks, broken asphalt and broken concrete in the designated drop-off area at the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Ave. Brick **NOT** accepted.

<http://www.lexingtonma.gov/trash>